

**In the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at Column 2, line 48 with the following paragraph:

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The second end of the pick-up shaft 2 operates as a clamping device 100 which is located opposite of the first end on which the coding disk 3 is coupled and which faces the stationary element 6. A portion of the second end/clamping device defines a clamping area 102 that operates as a clamping element 104 that has axially extending slits 7 and an interior thread 8. If the pick-up shaft 2 is to be connected, fixed against relative rotation, with a driveshaft 9 located in the stationary element 6, the slitted second end of the pick-up shaft 2 is pushed into a bore 10 located in the driveshaft 9 and the slitted area of the pick-up shaft is spread open radially which achieves a rigid radial clamping. A screw 11 is used to spread the slitted area of the pick-up shaft open. More particularly, the screw 11 has an exterior thread 12 on one end and a head 13 on an opposite end. Starting at the first end of the pick-up shaft 2, the screw 11 is turned into the hollow pick-up shaft 2 until the screw's radially extending surface 14 is supported at a shoulder having a radially extending surface-15 of the pick-up shaft 2. The surfaces 14 and 15 form an axially effective detent up to which the screw 11 can be turned into the pick-up shaft 2. As shown in FIG. 1, the exterior thread 12 is inserted into an opening 106 that is formed, at least in part by the clamping element 104.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at Column 2, line 66 with the following paragraph:

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If, after reaching the shoulder of the pick-up shaft 2, the screw 11 is further